

Celebration of the European Day of Languages

Representation of the European Region Tyrol – South Tyrol - Trentino

Rue de Pascale, 45-47

27 September 2018, 17:30 – 19:30

At least 40 million citizens in the European Union regularly use a regional and lesser-used language, accounting for more than 60 European regional or lesser-used language communities.

Their recognition has come a long way. In the past, regional languages were seen as a threat to national integrity, were discouraged and even suppressed.

However, the idea that regional and minority languages spoken in European regions are an integral part of and enrich the European cultural heritage as a whole, is slowly starting to become predominant.

The Province of Trento can boast a great diversity of regional and minority languages in Western Europe and it is a good example of this richness. Four languages are spoken in the Province: Italian and Ladin, Cimbrian and Mòcheno, the last three are considered minority languages. The people of this territory have preserved their languages -not without difficulty- to the present day and this constitutes an element of pride and a point of strength for the province.

On occasion of the **European Day of Languages**, the *Autonomous Province of Trento* and the *Network to Promote the Linguistic Diversity* (NPLD) are pleased to celebrate the linguistic and cultural richness of the Province of Trento, by offering the reading of some poems in the different languages spoken in Trentino.

<i>Agenda</i>		
17:30-17:45	Welcoming Words	Valeria Liverini , Head of the Brussels EU Liaison Office of the autonomous Province of Trento Sabrina Rasom , Vice Chair of the Network to Promote Linguistic Diversity
17:45-18:15	Keynote speech: <i>La ricchezza linguistica nella Provincia di Trento</i>	Annamaria Trenti Kaufman , Kulturinstitut Lusérn
18:15-18:30	Poetry reading in all the languages of the Province of Trento	Ladin: Sabrina Rasom, <i>Network to Promote the Linguistic Diversity</i> Mòcheno: Sara Toller, <i>Bersntoler Kulturinstitut</i> Cimbrian: Annamaria Trenti Kaufman, <i>Kulturinstitut Lusérn</i> Italian: Vittorio Tavagnutti, <i>Brussels EU Liaison Office of the autonomous Province of Trento</i>
18:30-19:30	Network reception	

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